

MATTHEW 18 vs 21

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21 Then came Peter to him, and said,

Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? seven times? / the rabbis said 3 times was sufficient; it seems impulsive Peter thought he was being magnanimous.



22 Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, till seven times / it seems Peter wanted to clarify something the Lord said; and now Peter's generosity was considered, but is there a humor recorded here? Did the Lord admit His own long-suffering needed toward some unnamed disciple?

Jesus said to him but to seventy times seven

(490 times) / Jesus was not creating new, burdensome rules ; in those days, they already had enough.

23 So, the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who would settle accounts of his servants.

24 And when he began to settle them, one was brought to him, who owed him 10,000 talents / the Greek word is: **talanton**; so, we hear where we get the English word: **talent**. But the word means so much more; it means a great sum of money. A single roman talent was 6,000 pieces of gold. So, do the math! That's a lot of talent even today. This guy owed the king 60,000,000 pieces of gold – remember this is a parable; an earthy story to explain a heavenly truth.

25 But since he had no means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, with his wife and children, and all that he had, and repayment to be made.

26 So, the servant fell down, and prostrated himself before him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will repay you all / everything.

27 Then the lord of the servant had compassion, and released him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But that same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him 100 pence / 100 denarii, 100 days of common wages – wages earned in little over 3 months:

and he seized him, and took him by the throat / choking him, saying, Pay me what you owe.

29 And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and begged him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay you all / everything, so their responses were exactly the same.

30 But he would not / he was unwilling: **and went and threw him in prison, till he pay the debt** / and how will that happen...how will he be paid back sooner... when he is in prison?

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³¹ So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were deeply grieved, and came and told their lord all that happened.

³² Then calling for him, his lord said to him,

You evil servant, I forgave you all that debt because you asked me:

³³ should you not have had compassion on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?

³⁴ And his lord being angry, delivered him to the prison guards / in Greek, **bansanistes**; to those who inflict painful punishment,

till he should pay all that was due to him.

³⁵ **So My heavenly Father will also do to you,**

if you do **not** forgive the trespasses of your brother from your hearts / if each of you won't release your rebellious brother or sister who often steps over the line; our Father in heaven will do the same to us. **In the great prayer we ask God: Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.** God expects us to mean it; and we better do what we say or He can turn on us faster than you or I could say: Oh crap!.

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